MISS L. BORGIA'S HAREM SKIRT

IT INCENSED HER FATHER, THE POPE.

Alexander VI. Issued a Bull Forbidding That and Other Feminine Fineries -Vain Campaign of Church Against Fashion Lasted for Many Years.

ROME, May 5 .- The harem skirt appeared at the Vatican 400 years ago and was as unpopular with Pope Alexander VI. as it appears to be, from the news that has come this way from London, with Queen Mary of England. Lucrezia Borgia was the first to wear the harem skirt in Rome, and while she had a good deal of freedom at the Vatican, being the daughter of Pope Alexander VI., his Holiness banned the dress. The story of what happened may be learned from the following, sent to your correspondent by an occasional contributor to the columns of THE SUN:

"It may come as a surprise to many readers to learn that the harem skirt, which is creating such a stir just now, can hardly be regarded in the light of a twentieth century innovation as it a person than Lucrezia Borgia, daughter of Pope Alexander VI. and sister of Casar

In the quaint diary of Burckhardus, the scandal loving Pepys of Alexander VI.'s court, we find a most detailed description of the magnificent toilettes which formed part of Lucrezia's trousseau when she was married to the Duke of Este, and no fewer than three richly jewelled and embroifered jupes-culotte are mentioned. Indeed it may be said without fear of exaggeration that Lucrezia Borgia 'wore the breeches' in more senses than one.
"The new fashion 'caught on' to such

an alarming extent that in 1520 the Pope published a decree prohibiting the hybrid garment, at the same time forbidding ladies to wear low cut gowns, of which, by the way. Dante himself had expressed marked disapproval two centuries earlier in his "Divinia Commedia."

That feminine vanity proved stronger "That feminine vanity proved stronger than the papal threats and prohibitions may be inferred from the fact that the puritanical Pius IV. was obliged in 1564 to issue another most stringent decree against the audacious novelties introduced in ladies' attire, going so far as to forbid not only the obnoxious harem skirt, but also 'all curls, stuffings, feathers, low cut bodices, openwork stockings and lace ornaments." "Needless to say that the Roman ladies did not submit to these tyrannical impositions without a spirited attempt at resistance. But also for the fair rebels! The ungallant Pope subjected all transgressors to the ignominious punishment of a sound whipping, like so many naughty

The ungallant Pope subjected all transgressors to the ignominious punishment of a sound whipping, like so many haughty and disobedient little girls. No less a lady than Donna Imperia, the recognized beauty of Rome, was publicly whipped on September 22, 1570, for daring to disregard the Papal decree, and three other fair culprits, guilty of the same heinous offence, were looked up in the grim old prison of Tor di Nona like common malefactors. Another leader of fashion, Donna Isabella, having ventured abroad in all her finery and a harem skirt on July 6, 1567, had the misfortune of meeting the bargello, or head of the papal police, who ordered his minions to divest the lady then and there of her objectionable garments, which were carried to the Vatican as a trophy. Fortunately for the improvised Lady Godiva the month of July is very warm in Rome and there was no danger of Donna Isabella catching a cold. "The chronicler Pietro Aretino relates that a Roman lady who had been summoned for wearing prohibited garments had the impudence to appear before the Judge in a harem skirt! Evidently Pius IV. had failed dismally in his crusade against feminine extravagance, for his successors found it necessary to continue the camhad failed dismally in his crusade against feminine extravagance, for his successors found it necessary to continue the campaign, and we read that in 1658, during the carnival, a well known lady was publicly whipped for wearing a harem skirt, while in 1673 Innocent XI, published another decree threatening dire punishments, both temporal and spiritual, to all devotees of fashion who should dare to disregard his orders. But when Goethe visited the Eternal City in 1787 he found that the Roman ladies still serenely ignored the papal prohibitions and that the Vatican had wisely given up the unequal struggle with fash-

YONKERS SHY OF WATER. Likely to Be a Water Famine as Bad or Worse Than Last Year's.

YONKERS, N. Y., May 13.-Yon kers is facing the probability of another water famine such as it suffered from last season. The joint water supply commission to-day recommended to Mayor James T. Lennon that he immediately issue a proclamation to the public to be very careful in the

use of water.

Beginning this morning Public Works Commissioner John A. Brady ordered the sprinkling of the streets stopped. The use of water on lawns and walks and for washing wagons will be discontinued.

Recently the city purchased the water that flows over the spillway at the Pocantico reservoir, but this supply is less than was expected. In case of an acute shortage of water as the season advances the situation will be even more serious than last year because of the impossibility of tapping the New York city supply as was done then.

HER ADMISSION PARTY.

Miss Schwartz Reads Original Poems

Celebrating Her Entrance to Asylum. MORRIS PLAINS, N. J., May 13 .- With the reading of two poems of her own composition, music and refreshments Miss Amelia Schwartz to-day celebrated the forty-second anniversary of her admission to the State Hospital for the

It was made a gala occasion and all the inmates who were invited to the party congratulated her on her long term of

service.

Dr. Britton D. Evans, medical director, was one of the guests. Miss Schwartz suffers with a mild but incurable mania.

HIS FRANKNESS WAS COSTLY. Working on Handbags Seemed to Be

Something Like Picking Pockets. Two men who were jostling women and attempting to open their handbags at Clinton and Grand streets yesterday were taken to Essex Market court. Magistrate Freschi asked them what their

"I'm a button maker," said Max Berger.
"And I," said Jacob Miller, "work on ladies' handbags."
"Remarkable coincidence," smiled the Court. "Just what you were arrested for." And he sent the pair to the workhouse for three months.

Manufacturers' Convention To-morrow Industrial indemnity and workmen s compensation laws will be discussed at the convention of the National Associa-tion of Manufacturers beginning tomorrow at the Waldorf-Astoria. Many of the States are sending delegates to assist in the discussion, commissions anpointed by the Governors to hold hearings compensation laws are to attend and it is expected that more than a thousand delegates will be present. It is pointed out that as many as fifteen States have passed or are about to pass some form of compensation legislation and in the majority of these States the laws have been declared unconstitutional in one form or another.



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ond mourning; made of gray linen with long tuxedo collar and cuffs of plain black linen; well-tailored gored skirt with panel back.

\$11.74 instead of \$16.50 for Women's Natural Linen Suits; made of heavy Holland linen, long shawl collar with sailor back, large ornamental fastening; gored skirt.

\$22.74 instead of \$35.00 for Women's Tailored Suits; made of fine imported worsteds in staple and deli-cate shadings; strictly man-tailored model; this is an exceptional value.

notch or tuxedo collars of silk braid and hood bordered with embroidered or peau de soie.

\$10.74 instead of \$15.00 for Women's Travelling en's Linen Suits; an exceptionally smart fitting model, suitable for second mourning; made of gray linen collar and long revers.

\$18.74 instead of \$23.50 for Junior Misses' Tailored Suits; made of fine imported mixtures in light and dark colorings; short semi-fitted coat; pan-

\$13.74 for Misses' Challis Frocks; very smart one-piece model with deep turn-down collar, tie and wide cuffs of peau de soie; pleated skirt, finished at waist with broad leather belt. These dresses taken from regular stock and reduced from \$16.74 for

\$19.74 instead of \$30.00 for Women's White Serge Suits; several distinctive models to select from, all splendidly tailored and variously trimmed with braids and satin bands; the select from the select from

MOHAIR TO RIVAL LINEN

According to the best tailors, women find Mohair wears better, and is just as cool. Worth and other Paris dressmakers as well are showing a great number of models in Mohair. New York modistes have followed suit, so you may confidently expect your Mohair suit, dress or wrap to be of the prevailing fashion.

A Mohair section has been set aside in our Dress Goods Department. where Sicilians, Brilliantines, and related fabrics are on display. Plain colors, pin, and hair line stripes, shadow and corded effects in gray, black, white, and the newest patterns that come from the looms are constantly being added.

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and reconstructed ruby; platinum neck chain attached	\$122.00	\$91.00
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diamond and ruby		812.80
Princess Ring, twenty-three diamonds, set in platinum		8119.00
Princess Ring, sixteen diamonds and five rubies		\$179.00
Cluster Ring, sixteen diamonds and one sapphire		\$269.00
Brooch, antique design: 14-karat gold; four fine, white diamonds		\$ 23.89
Brooch, eight diamonds, twelve pearls and fine amethyst centre		
Brooch, twelve diamonds; handsome design		8123.75
Brooch, forty diamonds and one pearl		\$157.00
Brooch, fifty-seven diamonds		8243.00
Brooch, crown of sixty-seven diamonds		8338.00
Brooch, heart-shape, paved solidly with diamonds		\$402.00
Brooch, sunburst, set with 105 diamonds		8675.00
Hair Barrette, 18-karat gold and platinum, set with diamonds		\$187.00
Diamond Brooches, were \$12.89 to \$75.00; now \$0.80 to		
Diamond Lockets, newest designs: were \$7.08 to \$24.49; now \$1	5.40 to	\$10.50.

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Tempting Reductions

Limoges China . 113 \$74.89 \$59.89 Limoges China . 101 \$18.50 \$119.89 Limoges China . 113 \$78.69 \$64.89 Theo. Haviland . 148 \$183.41 \$97.63 Limoges China . 113 \$79.83 \$69.89 German China . 138 \$173.96 \$139.89

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Cherte (Macy) small sifter top time our regular price 24c; for a limited time we offer it at 15c.
Carbolated (Macy) sifter top tim; Small, 10c; large (bath size), 29c.
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SECOND WEEK OF THE

What we have sold proves the value of WHAT WE YET HAVE TO SELL Because the values were equal—and we prepared for

enormous demands. It is the fashion to claim record values in White Sales—We claim them as well—and we prove them. With special values throughout the entire sale, such as

Warm Weather Dressing Sacques

The one illustrated, in figured lawn, lace-edged sailor collar, peplum, and sleeves, 99c; of flowered dimity, trimmed with Cluny lace, 89c; of dotted Swiss or figured dimity, trimmed with ribboned beading down shoulder and sleeves, \$1.59. Better kinds up to \$22.49.

are commonly used as first day baits.

A Group of Kimonos

Japanese Crepes, made with the new short waist, 90c; embroidered Swiss with scalloped sailor collar and ribbon girdle, or another style, somewhat similar, at \$2.49; Persian-patterned messaline, in rich colorings, made Empire style, at \$3.96. Hundreds of others up to imported models at \$110.00.



Novel Nightgowns

Also conservative kinds, such as a square-necked Nainsook at 59c; a round-necked Nainsook at 79c; V-neck at 89c; all prettily trimmed. At 99c, hand-embroidered and eyeletted Nainsook, or another style with embroidered voke; at \$1.29. another yoke style; at \$1.29, one of the new nightgowns, in surplice effect, with wide, ribbon-run embroidery. From that price up to \$114.50 for a French Robe de Nuit

Combinations Daintier Than Ever

Cambric, trimmed with Valenciennes at top and bottom, at SDc; Nainsook with embroidered medallions and lawn ruffle, 99c; Nainsook, the cover of allover embroidery, drawers ruffle of embroidery, at \$1.29; all-over eyelet embroidery cover and drawers at \$1.79. Finer sorts up to French hand-embroidered ones at \$35.74.

Skirts of Nainsook and Cambric

At 89c, Cambric with flounce of lawn and blind embroidery over cambric dust ruffle; at 99c, Cambric with deep flounce of lawn and torchon lace; at \$1.59, Cambric with deep flounce of fine embroidery over lace-edged ruffle, or flounce of lawn and fine lace insertions; sheer Nainsook, with deep flounce of eyelet embroidery and scalloped dust ruffle, at \$2.49. Also the new straight skirts trimmed with square-mesh laces, and hand-embroidered skirts up to \$65.50.

the most exquisite convent embroidery up to \$17.40.

Children's "Tub" Dresses Of Gingham or Percale banded with Bulgarian strips, around the Dutch neck and down front, at 59c. Sizes are 2 to 5 years



Rompers at 39c

Are made of blue Gingham or checked Gingham in plain pink or blue, with yoke and Dutch neck. Sizes 2 to 6

Infants' Long Dresses trimmed with square-mesh laces, and hand-embroidered skirts up to \$65.50.

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Infants' Long Dresses
At the modest price of 50c, soft Nainsook with view of faggoting and feather-stitching, hemstitched frill on neck and sleeve; at \$0c, soft Nainsook with tiny yoke of face and fine embroidery, or feather and hemstitching, or the simpler Bishop style, beaded and edged with lace; at 90c, similar kinds, with tucked or hemstitched skirts; dozens of better kinds up to Christening Robes at \$65.00 that are marvels of fine stitchery.

Infants' Short Dresses

Nainsook Drawers

Finished with scalloped flounce, at 59c; with Valenciennes insertions and edge at 79c; with lace-trimmed flounce at 99c. And better kinds, with delicate hand-embroideries, up to \$54.50.

In six months to two years sizes. Nainsook with yoke of faggoting and feather-stitching at 69c; six pretty styles at 89c; four styles, with plain or tucked skirts, at 99c; and from that up to the more elaborate ones trimmed with real lace at \$65.50.

In accordance with traditional Macy principles, we handle only approved goods, calculated to make customers not only for the immediate moment, but for all time.

All practical (therefore economical) New York housewives have learned by experience to lay by for this sale.

The values detailed hereunder are only a few taken at random. 14c Full bleached Cotton Bath Towels, well made; thick and absorbent; size 20x39 ported from England, heavy, strong and durable, hemmed ends, colored borders, 15c, Heavy, full bleached Turkish Bath

Towels, strong and serviceable; size 29x59.

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49c. Very heavy full bleached Turkish Bath Towels, hemmed ends; made from fine cotten woven double threads from 27x47.

49c. Very heavy full bleached Turkish Bath Towels, bemmed ends; made from fine cotton woven double threads; size 27x52.

68c, Extra heavy full bleached Turkish Towels, hemmed ends woven of double threads; a splendid wearing towel; size

27x47. 6 for \$1.29, All pure linen scalloped Huck Towels, neat damask borders, a strong, serviceable towel, size 21x38. 33c, Fine all pure linen scalloped Huck Towels, figured damask borders, strong with huck size 21x44. 50x56. 81.98, Extra heavy imported snow flake Bath Towels, corded borders; soft and also orbent; a very pleasant towel to use; size 40x55. 84c, Fine full bleached Turkish Bath Shects, medium weight; hemmed ends; size 47x58. 81.30, Fine cotton hemstitched Bath Sheets, soft and fuffy, years absorbers.

81.39. Fine cotton hemstitched Bath Sheets, soft and fluffy, very absorbent; size 52x72.

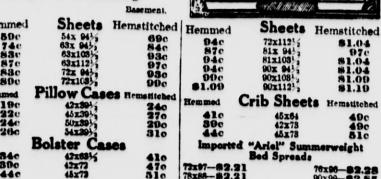
46c, Brown linen friction Towels, hemmed ends, a "Vigorator" for old and young; size 20x38.

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